

At the public meetings, DMR, MSU, and NOAA will provide a synopsis of the process for developing a DMP and will solicit comments on significant environmental issues that will be incorporated into a DEIS.

The public meeting will be held in Pascagoula, Mississippi, at the East Jackson County Community Center, 9313 Old Stage Road, on August 6, 1997, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Interested parties who wish to submit suggestions, comments or substantive information regarding the scope or content of the proposed DEIS/DMP are invited to attend the above meeting. Parties who wish to respond in writing should do so by August 21, 1997, to Jerry Mitchell, Coastal Ecology Division, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 192 Gateway Drive, Biloxi, MS 39531, or Nathalie Peter, NOAA Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway N/ORM2, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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Research Reserves

**Jeffrey R. Benoit,**

*Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal  
Resource Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 872-1397)

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Ann E. Bowles, Ph.D., Senior Research Biologist, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, California 92109, has applied in due form for a permit to take northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*), and California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before August 18, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The purpose of the proposed research is to study the effects of sonic boom simulation tests on pinniped hearing and physiological response. Up to 10 beached rehabilitated animals of each of the above species will be taken annually (i.e., physically and/or chemically restrained, instrumented with electrodes for physiological measurements, and exposed to sonic boom noise and other brief transients). Of these numbers, up to 3 of each species will be trained to respond behaviorally to low-intensity tone bursts, and up to 2 of each species will be exposed to brief startling stimuli to determine the threshold for startle. The proposed research will be conducted over a five year period.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Chicago Mercantile Exchange Proposed Futures and Option Contracts on Cheddar Cheese Blocks

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in futures and futures options on cheddar cheese blocks. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposal for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 4, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be made to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange cheddar cheese blocks futures and option contracts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Fred Linse of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone 202-418-5273. Facsimile number (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail [flinse@cftc.gov](mailto:flinse@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The contracts were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of applications for contract market designation (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the contracts, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved on August 25, 1997, 45 days after receipt of the applications. In view of the limited review period provided under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public

comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for applications submitted under the regular review procedures.

Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet on the CFTC website at [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov) under "What's Pending."

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the application for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 14, 1997.

**John R. Mielke,**  
*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the Historical Records Declassification Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Historical Advisory Committee.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the Historical Records Declassification Advisory Panel. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss recommendations to the Department of Defense on topical areas of interest that, from a historical

perspective, would be of the greatest benefit if declassified. Two public sessions will be held in 1997. The OSD Historian will chair these meetings.

**DATES:** Thursday, September 18, 1997.

**TIME:** The meeting is scheduled 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The National Archives Building, Room 410, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20408.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Kloss, Room 3C281, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence & Security), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence), 6000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-6000, telephone (703) 695-2289/2686.

Dated: July 14, 1997.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary of Defense

#### Membership of the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) Performance Review Boards

**AGENCY:** Defense Contract Audit Agency, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Membership of the Defense Contract Audit Agency Performance Review Boards.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Performance Review Boards (PRBs) of the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA). The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The Performance Review Boards provide fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service (SES) performance appraisals and make recommendations to the Director, DCAA, regarding final performance ratings and performance awards for DCAA SES members.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 18, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dale R. Collins, Director, Human Resources Management, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Department of Defense, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6219, 703-767-1236.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following are the names and titles of the executives who have been appointed to serve as members of the DCAA

Performance Review Boards. They will serve one-year terms, effective upon publication of this notice.

#### Headquarters Performance Review Board

Mr. Lawrence Uhlfelder, Assistant Director, Policy and Plans, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Chairperson.  
Mr. Russell Richards, Assistant Director, Operations, Defense Contract Audit Agency member.  
Mr. Kirk Moberley, General Counsel, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.

#### Regional Performance Review Board

Mr. Robert Matter, Regional Director, Western, Defense Contract Audit Agency Chairperson.  
Mr. Francis Summers, Regional Director, Northeastern, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.  
Mr. James Lovelace, Deputy Regional Director, Central, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.

Dated: July 14, 1997.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

**AGENCY:** DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

**ACTION:** Notice of revised non-foreign overseas per diem rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 196. This bulletin lists revisions in per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States. Bulletin Number 196 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 1, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 195. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per